



Pima County Food Alliance

Policy Platform | 2017-18

PCFA'S VISION STATEMENT

PCFA envisions an integrated, regional, secure food system that is environmentally sound, supports farmers, fosters economic development and expands access to healthy food for all including low income people and children in Pima County. By 2017, PCFA envisions that:

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| <p>1  Investment in local foods drives economic development</p> <hr/> <p>2  Policy incentives promote biodiversity and agroecology</p> <hr/> <p>3  Food producer networks/education exists at all levels of production</p> <hr/> <p>4  Distributing and marketing networks connect local producers and consumers</p> | <p>5  Access to healthful, affordable food for all</p> <hr/> <p>6  Food education and production at a neighborhood level</p> <hr/> <p>7  Powerful partners advocating for local foods at all levels</p> <hr/> <p>8  Awareness of how food affects health</p> |
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POLICY PRIORITIES

In alignment with our vision, we seek to focus on the following specific policy priorities:

Food Access at Farmers' Markets

We support policies that will increase access to low-income consumers at Arizona Farmers' Markets. This has health benefits for the consumer, while also benefiting them and our local farmers economically.

Concrete policies that would accomplish this goal:

1. Creating a city, county, or statewide allocation of funding for Double Up SNAP, or programs that allow SNAP users to double their dollars on fruit and vegetable purchases at Arizona Farmers' Markets.
2. Extending the seasonality of Arizona Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Vouchers—a program that gives low-income individuals checks to spend at local farmers' markets—to be year-round. Currently, check season runs only during April- October.

● This policy goal addresses:



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POLICY PRIORITIES continued

Good Food Purchasing Policy

- We will support the adoption of local food procurement at the city level through the Center for Good Food Purchasing Policy. This program creates a scoring system that rates and encourages institutions to purchase “good food,” which is measured by alignment with the following five criteria: nutritional profile, environmentally sustainable production practices, ensuring the workforce is valued, building the local economy, and protecting animal welfare.

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Sustainable Zoning Code in Pima County

- We will involve ourselves in Pima County’s effort to update its Zoning Code to allow for local food production and sales. Our involvement will entail understanding and giving specific feedback on the proposed changes by PCFA and our individual members; a call to the public to involve themselves in the process of creating positive change; a final declaration to the community on whether we support or oppose the proposed changes.

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SNAP Finger Imaging Requirement

- In partnership with others like CFB and AAFB, we will support the elimination and/or defunding of the fingerprint imaging requirement for SNAP program applicants, because it is overly burdensome, reduces food access, and does not effectively control fraud.

.....● This policy goal addresses:



UPDATE: Accomplished! Our partners across the state successfully worked to eliminate the SNAP finger imaging requirement, by defunding it through HB 2091.

GENERAL POLICY DIRECTIONS

The following are general policy areas we are open to joining or leading, given the right opportunity, timing, or invitation.

Farm & Food Safety

- We support the general alignment between farm safety protocols (such as GHP/GAP, Certified Naturally Grown, etc.) and Pima County requirements that govern the distribution of locally grown foods in food establishments. Possible opportunity areas:

GENERAL POLICY DIRECTIONS

Farm & Food Safety continued

- Expansion of legislation on the “approved source” issue (in line with our previous work).
- Reduction in health department fees.
- Furthering the accessibility of achievability for farmers in complying with GAP, Group GAP, or FSMA (in line with our previous Group GAP and FSMA work).

.....● **This policy goal addresses:**



Food Waste

We support policies that reduce food waste and create compost for sustainable farming practices. Possibly opportunity areas:

- Friendly compost procurement or food scrap recovery policies
- City-wide compost pick up programs and/or requirements
- On-farm composting rules and exemptions

.....● **This policy goal addresses:**

